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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figures 5, 6, 7, and 10B.

In Figure 5, reference 98 is added to make it consistent with the specification.

In Figure 6, references 88 and 98 are added to make it consistent with Figure 5.

In Figure 7, reference 88, 90, 92, 96 and 98 are added to make it consistent with Figures 5 and 6.

In Figure 10B, reference 244 is changed to 246 and 246 to 244 to make it consistent with the specification.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets for Figures 5, 6, 7, and 10B.

Annotated Marked-up Drawing Sheets corresponding to the Replacement Sheets.

REMARKS

Drawings amendments

Replacement drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 and 37 CFR 1.121 are required. The drawings submitted with the application were found not acceptable by the Customer Service Center, Initial Patent Examination Division, because:

- The drawings must be reasonably free from erasures and must be free from alterations, overwriting, interlineations, folds, and copy marks. See Figure(s) 10.

The applicants have submitted formal drawings herewith as replacement for all the drawings previously submitted with the application, including amendments submitted herewith, in order to be compliant with 37 CFR 1.84 and 37 CFR 1.121 as required.

Additionally, Figures 5, 6, 7, and 10B have been amended without adding any new matter. Replacement Sheets and Annotated Marked-up Drawing Sheets for these amended Figures are included in the Attachment. Approval of the drawing corrections is requested. Replacement drawings submitted herewith include the aforementioned drawing amendments. Approval of the replacement (formal) drawings is requested.

Respectfully submitted.

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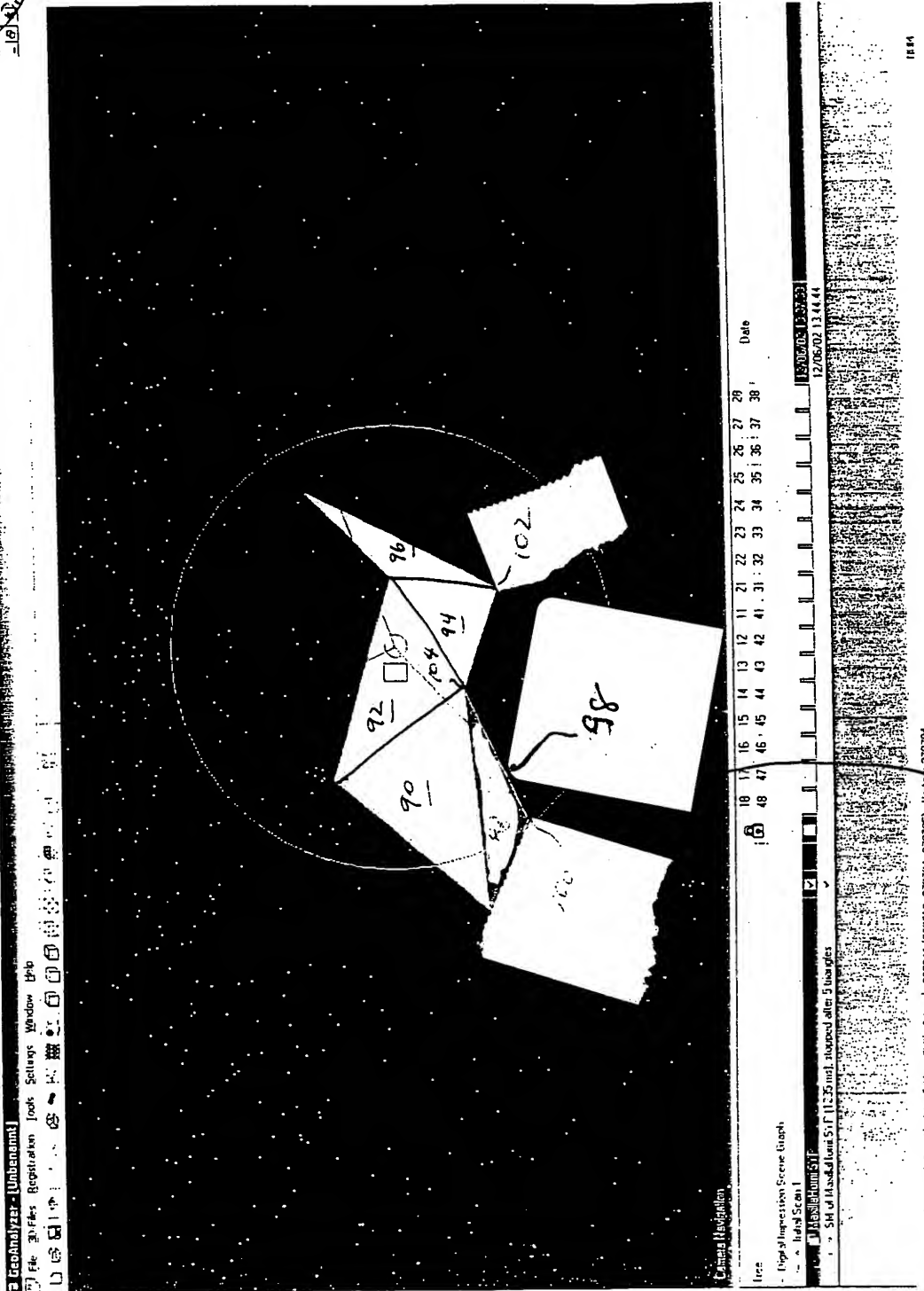


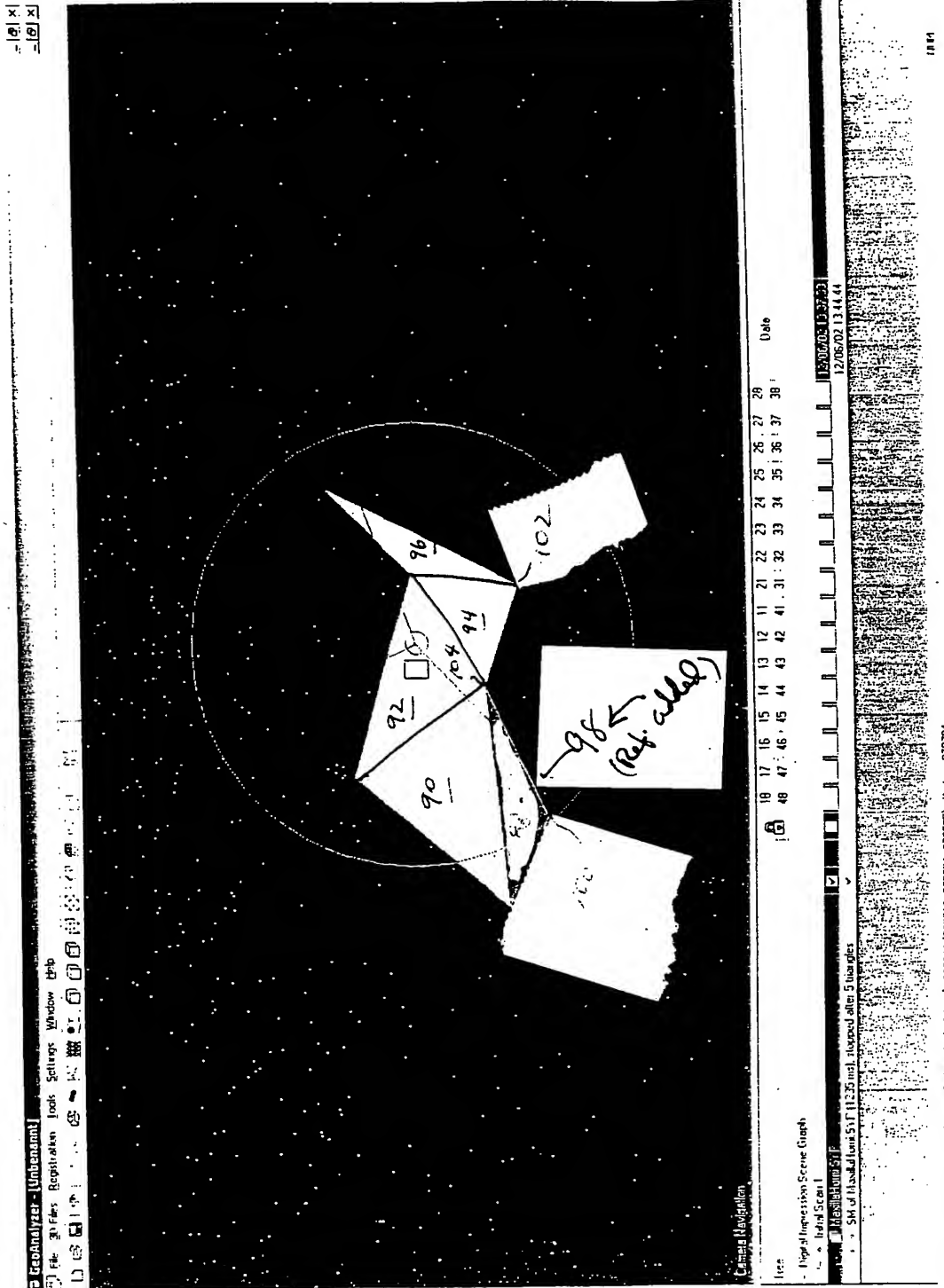
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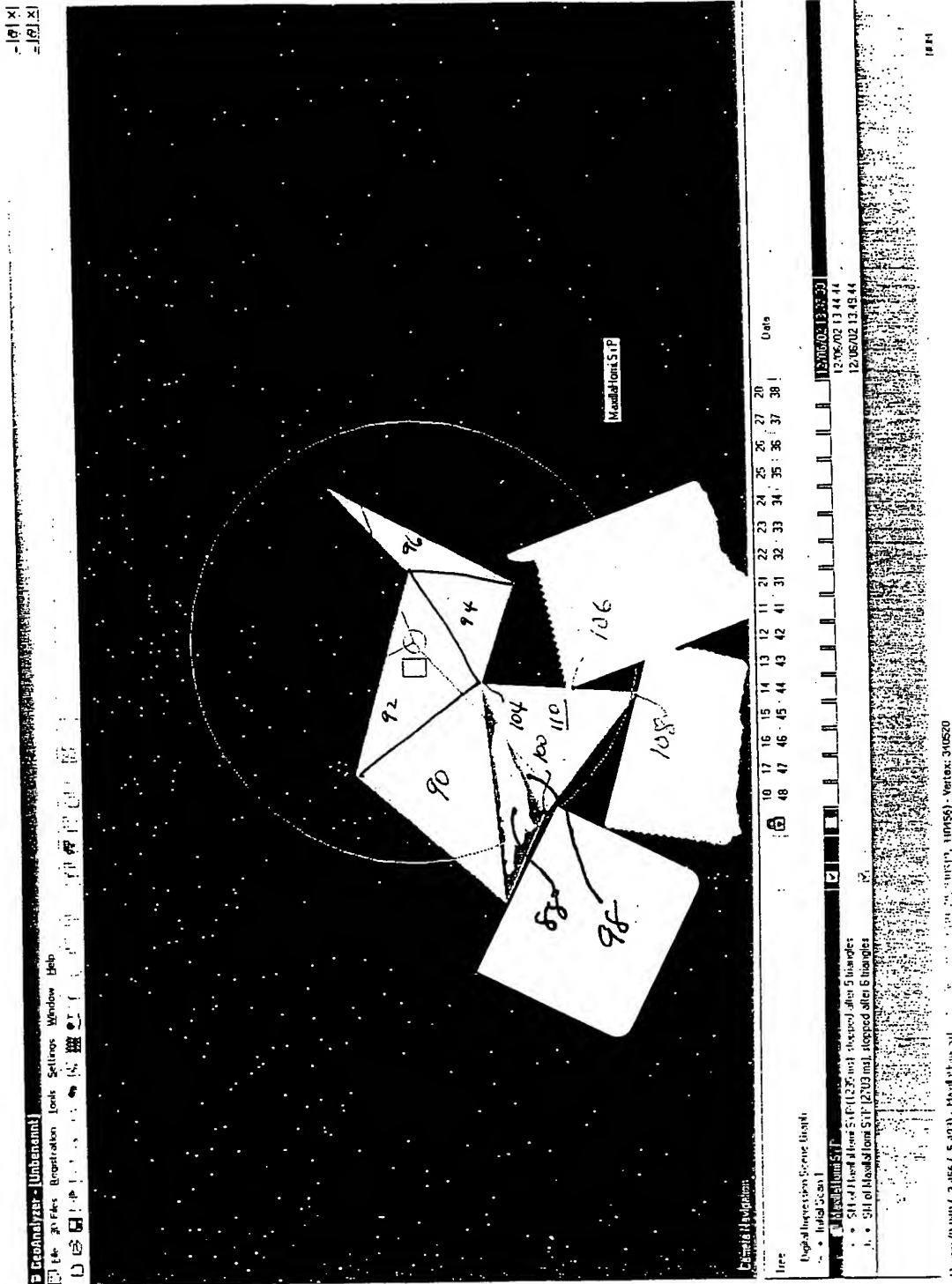


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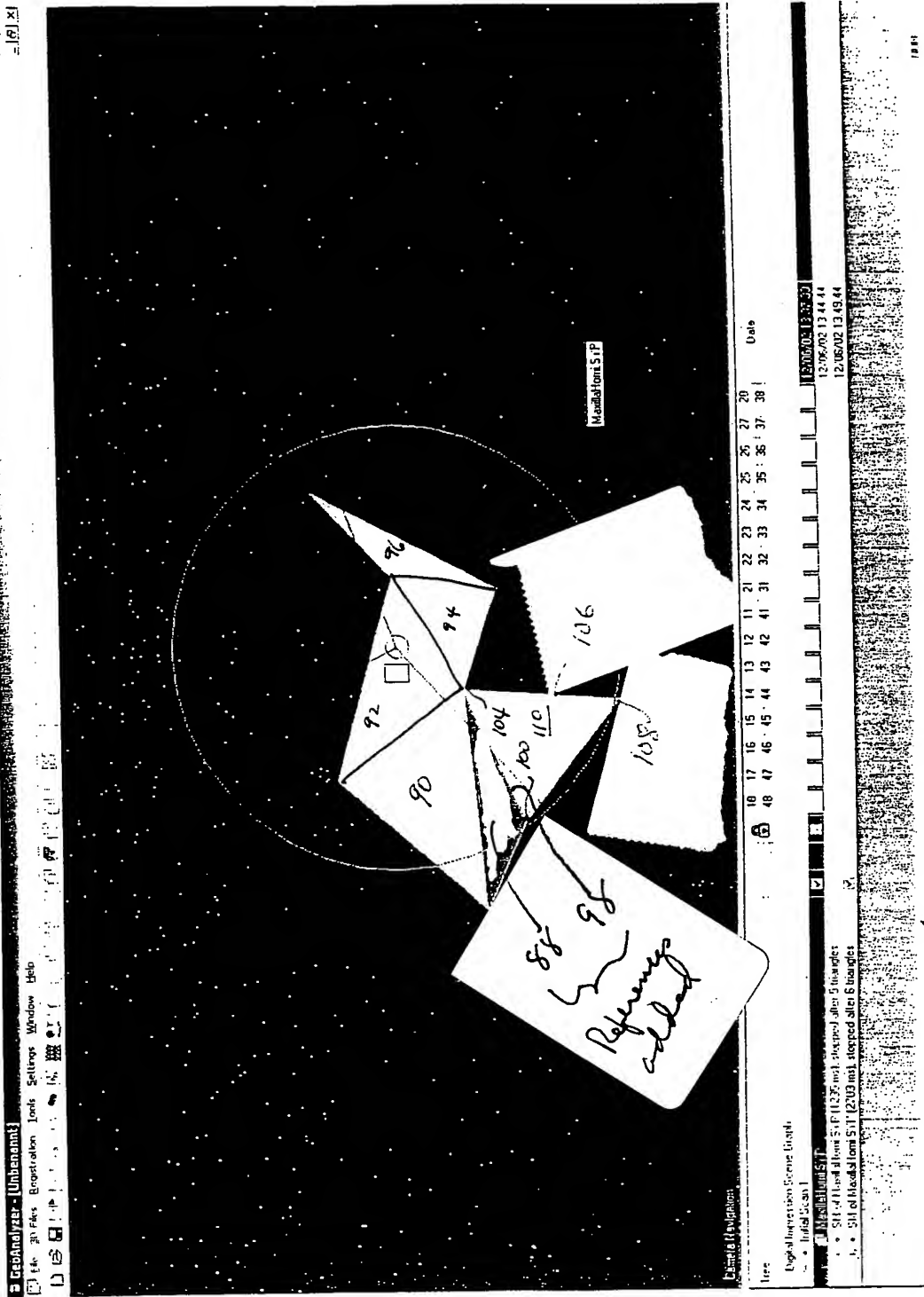
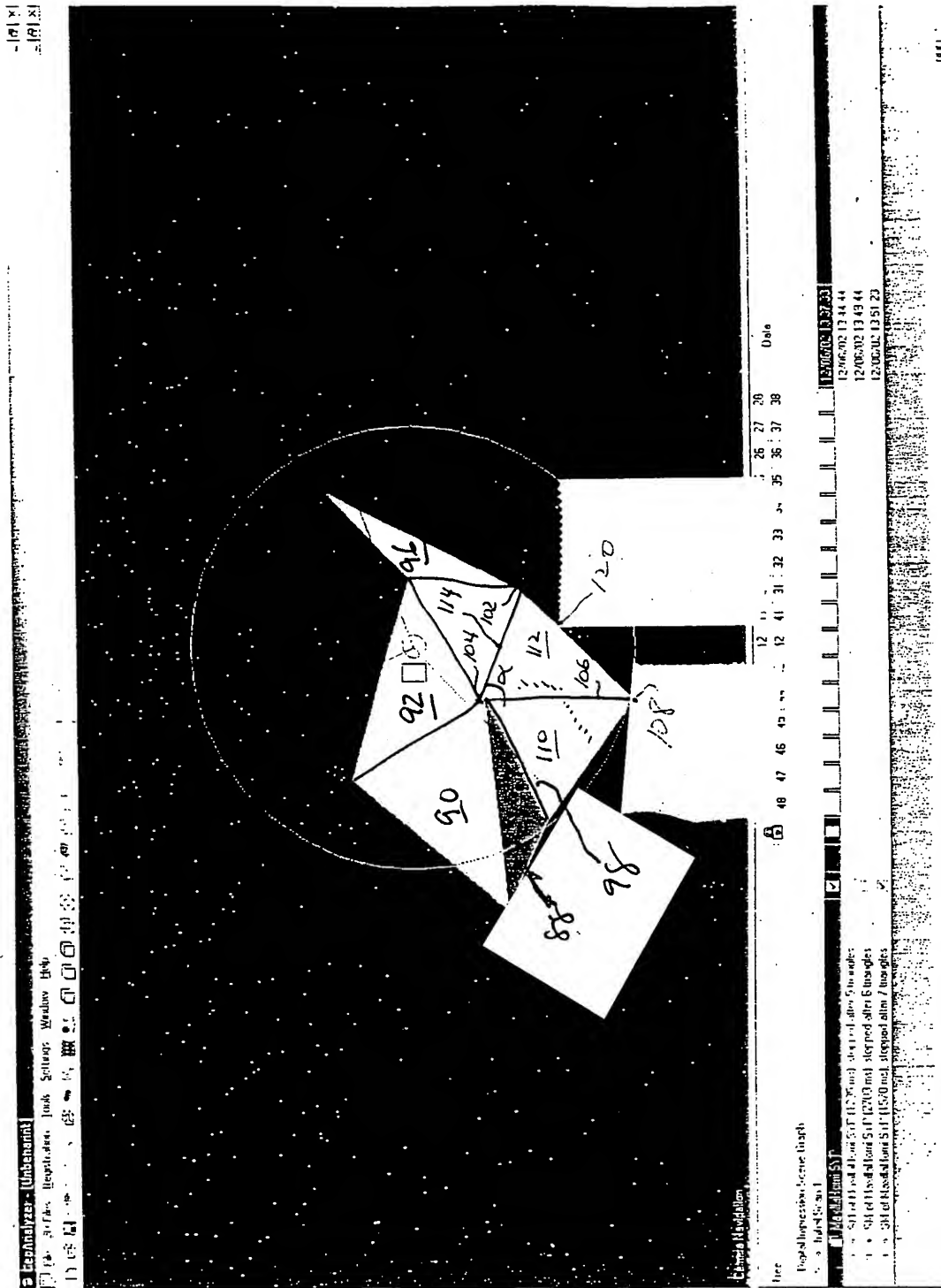


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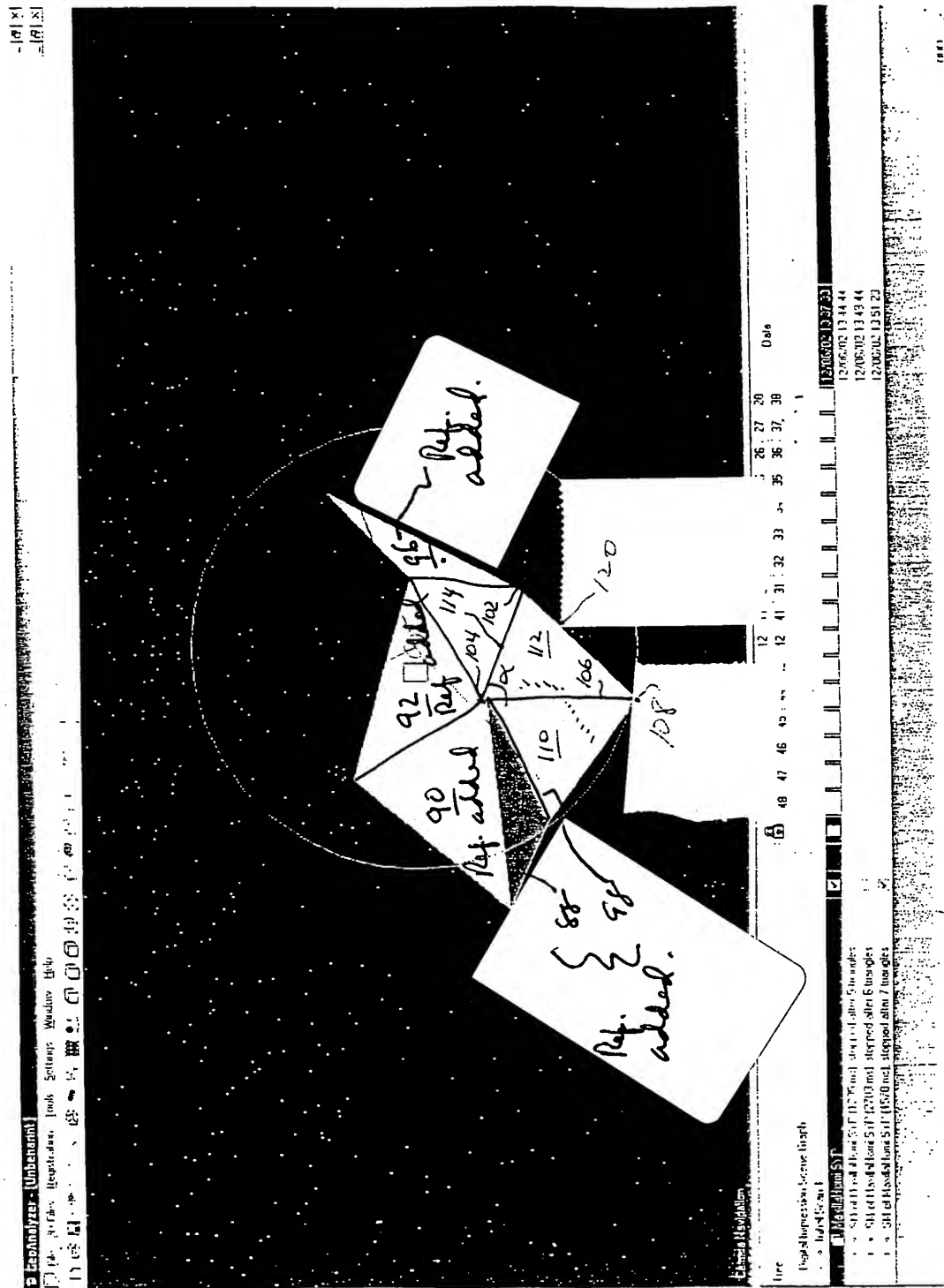
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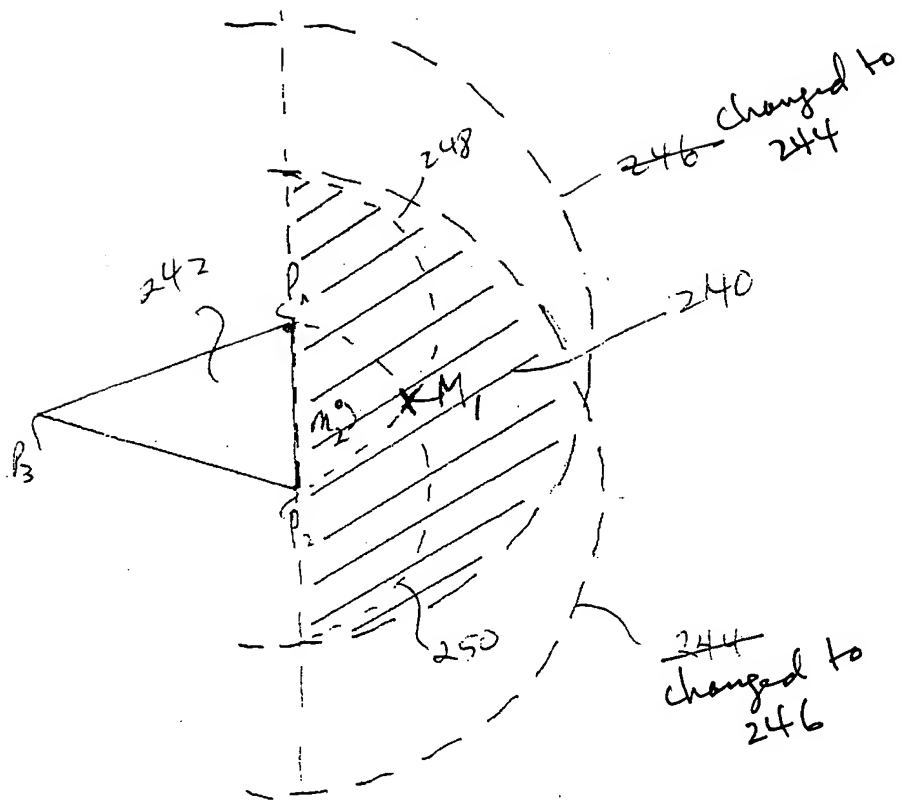
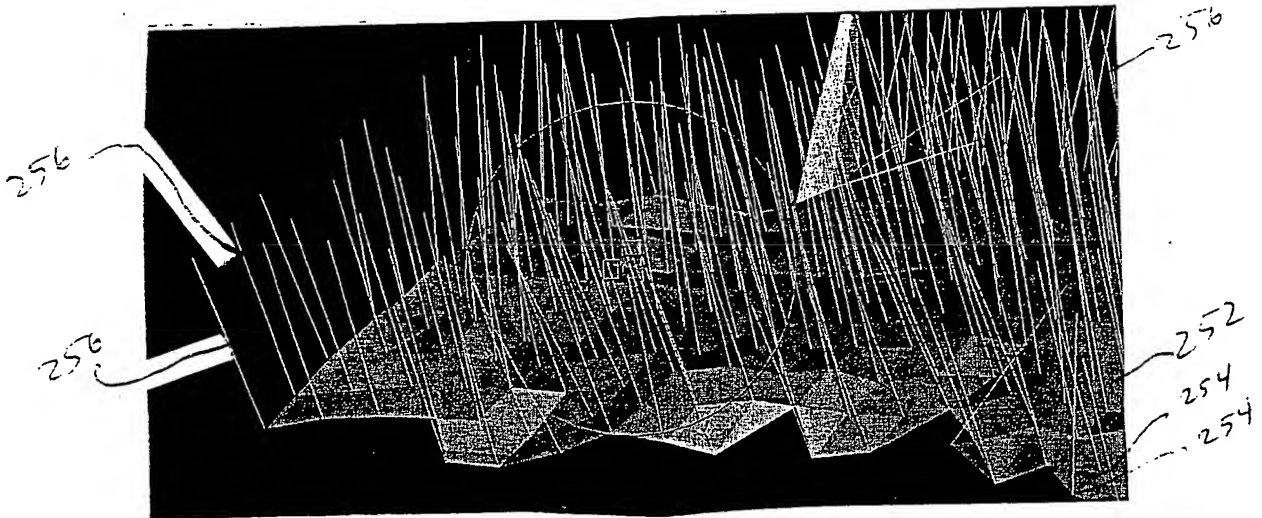


Fig. 10B